

INITIATIVE ACT - Printed by BCE 1923

**THE CHIROPRACTIC ACT OF CALIFORNIA.**

*An act prescribing the terms upon which licenses may be issued to practitioners of chiropractic, creating the state board of chiropractic examiners and declaring its powers and duties, prescribing penalties for violation hereof, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A board is hereby created to be known as the "state board of chiropractic examiners," hereinafter referred to as the board, which shall consist of five members, citizens of the State of California, appointed by the governor. Each member must have pursued a resident course in a regularly incorporated chiropractic school or college, and must be a graduate thereof and hold a diploma therefrom.

Each member of the board first appointed hereunder shall have practiced chiropractic in the State of California for a period of three years next preceding the date upon which this act takes effect, thereafter appointees shall be licentiates hereunder. No two persons shall serve simultaneously as members of said board, whose first diplomas were issued by the same school or college of chiropractic, nor shall more than two members be residents of any one county of the state. And no person connected with any chiropractic school or college shall be eligible to appointment as a member of the board. Each member of the board, except the secretary, shall receive a per diem of ten dollars for each day during which he is actually engaged in the discharge of his duties, together with his actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the duties of his office, such per diem, traveling expenses and other incidental expenses of the board or of its members to be paid out of the funds of the board hereinafter defined and not from the state's taxes.

SEC. 2. Within sixty days of the date upon which this act takes effect, the governor shall appoint the members of the board. Of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for two years, and two for three years. Thereafter, each appointment shall be for the term of three years, except that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term only. Each member shall serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified. The governor may remove a member from the board after receiving sufficient proof of the inability or misconduct of said member.

SEC. 3. The board shall convene within thirty days after the appointment of its members, and shall organize by the election of a president, vice president and secretary, all to be chosen from the members of the board. Thereafter elections of officers shall occur annually at the January meeting of the board. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

It shall require the affirmative vote of three members of said board to carry any motion or resolution, to adopt any rule, or to authorize the issuance of any license provided for in this act. The secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board in an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, but not per diem, together with his actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in connection with the performance of the duties of his office, and shall give bond to the state in

such sum with such sureties as the board may deem proper. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board, which shall at all times during business hours be open to the public for inspection. He shall keep a true and accurate account of all funds received and of all expenditures incurred or authorized by the board, and on the first day of December of each year he shall file with the governor a report of all receipts and disbursements and of the proceedings of the board for the preceding fiscal year.

SEC. 4. The board shall have power:

(a) To adopt a seal, which shall be affixed to all licenses issued by the board.

(b) To adopt from time to time such rules and regulations as the board may deem proper and necessary for the performance of its work, copies of such rules and regulations to be filed with the secretary of state for public inspection.

(c) To examine applicants and to issue and revoke licenses to practice chiropractic, as herein provided.

(d) To summon witnesses and to take testimony as to matters pertaining to its duties; and each member shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits.

(e) To do any and all things necessary or incidental to the exercise of the powers and duties herein granted or imposed.

→ SEC. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice chiropractic in this state without a license so to do. Any person wishing to practice chiropractic in this state shall make application to the board fifteen days prior to any meeting thereof, upon such form and in such manner as may be provided by the board. Each application must be accompanied by a license fee of twenty-five dollars and a certificate showing good moral character of the applicant. Except in the cases herein otherwise prescribed, each applicant shall be a graduate of an incorporated chiropractic school or college which teaches a course of not less than two thousand four hundred hours, extended over a period of three school terms of at least six months each, and must give satisfactory proof of having attended not less than ninety per cent of said two thousand four hundred hours, and shall present to the board at the time of making such application, a diploma from a high school, or proof, satisfactory to the board, of education, equivalent in training power to a high school course.

The schedule of minimum educational requirements to enable any person to practice chiropractic in this state is as follows, to wit, except as herein otherwise provided:

Anatomy .....	600 hours
Histology .....	100 hours
Elementary chemistry and toxicology.....	100 hours
Physiology .....	200 hours
Bacteriology .....	100 hours
Hygiene and sanitation.....	100 hours
Pathology .....	200 hours
Diagnosis or analysis.....	400 hours
Chiropractic theory and practice.....	500 hours
Obstetrics and gynecology.....	100 hours
Total .....	2400 hours

SEC. 6. (a) The board shall meet as a board of examiners on the first Tuesday following the second Monday of January and July of each year, and at such other times and places as may be found necessary for the performance of their duties. The office of the board shall be in the city of Sacramento. Suboffices may be established in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and such records as may be necessary may be transferred temporarily to such suboffices. Legal proceedings against the board may be instituted in any one of said three cities.

(b) Each applicant shall be designated by a number instead of the name, so that the identity will not be disclosed to the examiners until the papers are graded.

(c) All examinations shall be in writing, except in cases herein otherwise prescribed, and shall be practical in character, as taught in chiropractic schools or colleges, and designed to ascertain the fitness of the applicant to practice chiropractic. Said examinations shall be in each of the subjects as set forth in section five hereof. A license shall be granted to any applicant who shall make a general average of seventy-five per cent, and not fall below sixty per cent in more than two subjects or branches of said examination. Any applicant failing to make the required grade shall be given credit for the branches passed, and may, without further costs, take the examination at the next regular examination on the subjects in which he failed. For each year of actual practice since graduation the applicant shall be given a credit of one per cent on the general average. \*

\* SEC. 7. One form of certificate shall be issued by the board of chiropractic examiners, which said certificate shall be designated "License to practice chiropractic," which license shall authorize the holder thereof to practice chiropractic in the State of California as taught in chiropractic schools or colleges; and, also, to use all necessary mechanical, and hygienic and sanitary measures incident to the care of the body, but shall not authorize the practice of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, dentistry or optometry, nor the use of any drug or medicine now or hereafter included in materia medica.

\* SEC. 8. Any person who shall have practiced chiropractic for two years after graduation from a chiropractic school or college, one year of which shall have been in this state preceding the date upon which this act takes effect, or any person who graduated from a chiropractic school or college prior to January 1, 1922, and who shall present to the board satisfactory proof of good moral character and having pursued a resident course of not less than two thousand hours in a legally incorporated chiropractic school or college, shall be given a practical and clinical examination in chiropractic philosophy and practice, and if he, or she, make a grade of seventy-five per cent in such examination, the board shall grant a license to said applicant to practice chiropractic in this state under the provisions of this act; *provided, however*, that application for said license is made within six months of the date upon which this act takes effect and that each applicant shall pay to the secretary of the board the sum of twenty-five dollars. \*

\* SEC. 9. Notwithstanding any provision contained in any other section of this act the board, upon receipt of the fee of twenty-five dollars, shall issue a license to any of the following named persons:

(a) To each member of the board.

(b) To any person licensed to practice chiropractic under the laws of another state, having the same general requirements as prescribed in this act; and *provided, further*, that such other state in like manner grants reciprocal registration to chiropractic practitioners of this state.

Sec. 10. (a) The board shall refuse to grant, or may revoke, a license to practice chiropractic in this state, or may cause a licensee's name to be removed from all records of licensed practitioners of chiropractic in this state, upon any of the following grounds, to wit:

The employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or in passing an examination as provided in this act; the practice of chiropractic under a false or assumed name; or the personation of another practitioner of like or different name; the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; habitual intemperance in the use of ardent spirits, narcotics or stimulants to such an extent as to incapacitate him for the performance of his professional duties; the advertising of any means whereby the monthly periods of women can be regulated or the menses reestablished if suppressed; or the advertising, directly, indirectly or in substance, upon any card, sign, newspaper advertisement, or other written or printed sign or advertisement, that the holder of such license or any other person, company or association by which he or she is employed, or in whose services he or she is, will treat, cure, or attempt to treat or cure, any venereal disease, or will treat or cure, or attempt to treat or cure, any person afflicted with any sexual disease, for lost manhood, sexual weakness or sexual disorder or any disease of the sexual organs; or being employed by, or being in the service of any person, company or association so advertising. Any person who is a licentiate, or who is an applicant for a license to practice chiropractic, against whom any of the foregoing grounds for revoking or refusing a license is presented to the board with a view of having the board revoke or refuse to grant a license, shall be furnished with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a hearing before the board in person or by an attorney, and witnesses may be examined by the board respecting the guilt or innocence of the accused. The secretary in all cases of revocation shall enter on his register the fact of such revocation, and shall certify the fact of such revocation under the seal of the board to the county clerk of the counties in which the certificates of the person whose certificate has been revoked is recorded; and said clerk must thereupon write upon the margin or across the face of his register of the certificate of such person the following: "This certificate was revoked on the.....day of ....., giving the day, month and year of such revocation in accordance with said certification to him by said secretary. The record of such revocation so made by said county clerk shall be prima facie evidence of the fact thereof, and of the regularity of all proceedings of said board in the matter of said revocation.

(b) At any time after two years following the revocation or cancellation of a license or registration under this section, the board may, by a majority vote, reissue said license to the person affected, restoring him to, or conferring on him all the rights and privileges granted by his original license or certificate. Any person to whom such rights have been restored shall pay to the secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars upon the issuance of a new license.

SEC. 11. (a) Every person who shall receive a license from the board shall have it recorded in the office of the county clerk of the county in which he resides, and shall have it likewise recorded in the counties into which he shall subsequently move for the purpose of practicing chiropractic.

(b) The failure or the refusal on the part of the holder of a license to have it recorded before he shall begin to practice chiropractic in this state, after having been notified by the board to do so, shall be sufficient ground to revoke or cancel a license and to render it null and void.

(c) The county clerk of each county in this state shall keep for public inspection, in a book provided for that purpose, a complete list and description of the licenses recorded by him. When any such license shall be presented to him for record he shall stamp upon the face thereof his signed memorandum of the date when such license was presented for record.

SEC. 12. Each person practicing chiropractic within this state shall, on or before the first day of January of each year, after a license is issued to him as herein provided, pay to said board of chiropractic examiners a renewal fee of two dollars. The secretary shall, on or before November first of each year, mail to all licensed chiropractors in this state a notice that the renewal fee will be due on or before the first day of January next following. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require the receipts to be recorded in like manner as original licenses. The failure, neglect or refusal of any person holding a license or certificate to practice under this act in the State of California to pay said annual fee of two dollars during the time his or her license remains in force shall, after a period of sixty days from the first day of January of each year, ipso facto, work a forfeiture of his or her license or certificate, and it shall not be restored except upon the written application therefor and the payment to the said board of a fee of ten dollars, except that such licensee who fails, refuses or neglects to pay such annual tax within a period of sixty days after the first day of January of each year shall not be required to submit to an examination for the reissuance of such certificate.

SEC. 13. Chiropractic licensees shall observe and be subject to all state and municipal regulations relating to all matters pertaining to the public health, and shall sign death certificates and make reports as required by law to the proper authorities, and such reports shall be accepted by the officers of the departments to which the same are made.

SEC. 14. All moneys received by the board under this act shall be paid to the secretary of said board, who shall give a receipt for the same and shall at the end of each month report to the state controller the total amount of money received by him on behalf of said board from all sources, and shall at the same time deposit with the state treasurer the entire amount of such receipts, and the state treasurer shall place the money so received in a special fund, to be known as the "state board of chiropractic examiners' fund," which fund is hereby created. Such fund shall be expended in accordance with law for all necessary and proper expenses in carrying out the provisions of this act, upon proper claims approved by said board or a finance committee thereof.

SEC. 15. Any person who shall practice or attempt to practice chiropractic, or any person who shall buy, sell or fraudulently obtain a license

to practice chiropractic, whether recorded or not, or who shall use the title "chiropractor" or "D.C." or any word or title to induce, or tending to induce belief that he is engaged in the practice of chiropractic, without first complying with the provisions of this act; or any licensee under this act who uses the word "doctor" or the prefix "Dr." without the word "chiropractor," or "D.C." immediately following his name, or the use of the letters "M.D." or the words "doctor of medicine," or the term "surgeon," or the term "physician," or the word "osteopath," or the letters "D.O." or any other letters, prefixes or suffixes, the use of which would indicate that he or she was practicing a profession for which he held no license from the State of California, or any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both.

SEC. 16. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit service in case of emergency, or the domestic administration of chiropractic, nor shall this act apply to any chiropractor from any other state or territory who is actually consulting with a licensed chiropractor in this state; *provided*, that such consulting chiropractor shall not open an office or appoint a place to receive patients within the limits of this state; nor shall this act be construed so as to discriminate against any particular school of chiropractic, or any other treatment; nor to regulate, prohibit or apply to any kind of treatment by prayer; nor to interfere in any way with the practice of religion. Nor shall this act apply to persons who are licensed under other acts.

SEC. 17. It shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of this state to prosecute all persons charged with the violation of any of the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the board, under the direction of the board, to aid attorneys in the enforcement of this act.

SEC. 18. Nothing herein shall be construed as repealing the "medical practice act" of June 2, 1913, or any subsequent amendments thereof, except in so far as that act or said amendments may conflict with the provisions of this act as applied to persons licensed under this act, to which extent any and all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 19. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this act. The electors hereby declare that they would have passed this act, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.